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SUBJECT: RUMORED REACTIVIZATION SOUTH AFRICAN MERCENARIES

1. SOUTH AFRICAN AND LOURENCO MARQUES PRESS REPORT COLONEL MIKE HOARE, FORMER BRITISH MERCENARY LEADER WHO FOUGHT IN KATANGA IN '60S, IS NOW IN MALAWI REACTIVATING HIS FORMER COMRADES IN ARMS TO FIGHT FRELIMO IN MOZAMBIQUE. STORY IN LOURENCO MARQUES DAILY, NOTICIAS, QUOTES LONDON OBSERVER AND SAYS HOARE IS REPORTED TO HAVE DENIED ALLEGATION.

2. STORY IN RAND DAILY MAIL, DATELINES SALISBURY, QUOTES FORMER COLLEAGUE OF HOARE'S AS SAYING JORGE JARDIM ALSO
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INVOLVED AND JARDIM'S SECRETARY IN BLANTYRE AS DENYING

ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MERCENARIES. BOTH STORIES STATE ADVERTISEMENTS HAVE APPEARED IN RHODESIAN HERALD URGING FORMER MEMBERS OF NO. 5 COMMANDO TO REPORT "FOR A REUNION".

3. SPOKESMAN FOR MERCENARIES IN SALISBURY QUOTED AS SAYING EACH VOLUNTEER WILL GET 1200 RAND PER MONTH AND 200 PER CENT OF CONTRACT PAY IF KILLED OR DISABLED IN ACTION. SPOKESMAN CITED JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1975 AS PERIOD ACTION WOULD BEGIN IN MOZAMBIQUE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING WHETHER THERE ANY TRUTH IN REPORTS. THEY COULD REPRESENT SIMPLY VEILED WARNING FROM RHODESIAN SIDE THAT IT CAN RETALIATE AGAINST ANY STEPPED-UP INSURGENCY FROM MOZAMBIQUE. DOUBT JARDIM INVOLVED. IF MERCENARIES PENETRATED MOZAMBIQUE FROM MALAWI, THEY WOULD PRESUMABLY BE DOING SO LONG AFTER CEASEFIRE IN MOZAMBIQUE AND COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND FRELIMO FORCES ESTABLISHED. EFFECT WOULD BE TO UNITE THESE TWO FORCES MORE FIRMLY AND TO STIR UP NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES AGAINST MALAWI.
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